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TITLE: SUPPORT PILLOW

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## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

## 1. Field of the invention

This invention relates to a support pillow, more  
5 particularly to a U-shaped support pillow.

## 2. Description of the related art

Conventional support pillows are normally  
rectangular in shape and cannot provide appropriate  
and comfort support for all of the various lying  
10 postures of the user.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, the object of the present invention  
is to provide a support pillow that is capable of  
overcoming the aforesaid drawback of the prior art.

15 According to the present invention, there is  
provided a support pillow that comprises: a U-shaped  
body skin that defines a U-shaped inner space therein;  
and a filler that is packed in the inner space and  
that cooperates with the body skin to form a flexible  
20 U-shaped body which includes a bight part and two  
opposite arm parts extending and angled away from two  
opposite ends of the bight part to define a recess  
thereamong.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

25 In drawings which illustrate embodiments of the  
invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the first preferred

embodiment of a support pillow according to this invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional side view of the support pillow of Fig. 1;

5 Figs. 3 to 13 are schematic views to illustrate how the support pillow of Fig. 1 can be used for supporting various lying postures of the user; and

Fig. 14 is a perspective view of the second preferred embodiment of the support pillow according to this invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

For the sake of brevity, like elements are denoted by the same reference numerals throughout the disclosure.

15 Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate the first preferred embodiment of a support pillow according to this invention. The support pillow includes: a U-shaped body skin 12 that defines a U-shaped inner space 13 therein; and a filler 4 that is packed in the inner space 13 and that cooperates with the body skin 12 to form a flexible U-shaped body 10 which includes a bight part 101 and two opposite arm parts 102 extending and angled away from two opposite ends of the bight part 101 to define a recess 103 thereamong.

25 The body skin 12 is formed with a plurality of separate pockets 15 at two opposite sides 1011, 1012 of the bight part 101 and at inner sides 1021 of the

arm parts 101 of the U-shaped body 10. A plurality of rigid plates 2 are respectively received in the pockets 15 for providing a massaging effect to the user.

5       The body skin 12 is formed of overlapped inner and outer fabric sheets 121, 122 which are stitched together to form the pockets 15.

      Figs. 3 to 13 illustrate how the support pillow of this invention can be used for supporting various  
10   lying postures of the user 61.

      A pair of opposite first loops 3, each of which is formed of a thread, are stitched to the body skin 12 at the opposite ends of the bight part 101 of the U-shaped body 10, respectively. An elastic strip 7  
15   (see Figs. 11 and 12) is connected to the first loops 3 so as to permit attachment of the support pillow to a chair 8.

      A plurality of pairs of second loops 3, each of which is formed of a thread, are stitched to free ends  
20   of the arm parts 102 of the U-shaped body 10. Two second elastic strips 7 (see Fig. 13) are respectively connected to selected pairs of the second loops 3.

      Fig. 14 illustrates the second preferred embodiment of the support pillow according to this  
25   invention. The support pillow is in the form of a single piece integrally formed foam body 10, and is U-shaped. The foam body 10 can be made from a latex

material or a silicon material, and includes a bight part 101 and two opposite arm parts 102 that extend from two opposite ends of the bight part 101 to define a recess 103 thereamong.

5           By virtue of the U-shaped body 10 of the support pillow of this invention, the aforesaid drawback associated with the prior art can be eliminated.

          With the invention thus explained, it is apparent that various modifications and variations  
10       can be made without departing from the spirit of the present invention.